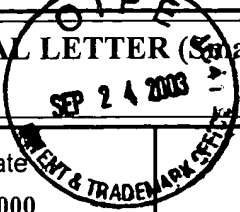


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Invention:
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING A SEED VIGOR INDEX FROM GERMINATING SEEDLINGS BY AUTOMATIC SEPARATION OF OVERLAPPED SEEDLINGS

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.

☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated April 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.

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